Sheet 1 of 2

Atty. Dock t No.

Atty. Dock t No.

2635-29 NOV 1 3 2003 U 09/960,736

Applicant

YAMADA,

Filing Dat

Gr up

Gr up

Filing Dat

3729

September 24, 2001

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS *EXAMINER FILING DATE SUBCLASS IF APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT NUMBER NAME CLASS INITIAL DATE Ø/\ 5 573 650 11/1996 FUKAYA et al 1/26/94 424 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS TRANSLATION **DOCUMENT** DATE COUNTRY **CLASS SUBCLASS** YES NO OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent pages, etc.) 1/23/04 Date Considered *Examiner

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to application.